

these officers that no changes had been made in the mode of exercising the functions of their offices, and neither had any change been made in the system under which the clerks and registers of wills and Orphans' Court judges worked. This was a grave question, and the Convention would do well to consider it. In regard to these two gentlemen he personally knew nothing of the manner in which they had performed their functions, but the exalted official character which had been given them was a sufficient reason why they should go once more before the people, and submit their claims to them. Personal considerations should not weigh a feather before public exigencies.

Mr. Roman had offered his amendment on the ground of high principle alone. He had voted for the retention of the Governor, not for the reasons of some of his colleagues, but because he was opposed on principle to legislating men out of office. He wished to go home to his people and prove to them that the whole object of this Convention had not been to turn men out of office. What charges had been brought against these officers? Had they neglected any of their high duties? These officers were State officers, they stood on the same footing towards this Convention as the Governor, and no distinction should be made between them.

Mr. Kilbourn said there was no injustice done in the section as it stood. Those two distinguished gentlemen had the same opportunity as any other citizens of the State to go before the people in one case and the Legislature in the other, and prefer their claims to re-election. He could see no wrong in this. But the amendment of the gentleman from Allegany proposed that this Convention should usurp the power of the people and the Legislature.

Mr. Brown was so much opposed to turning out officers that he was at first in favor of the amendment, but after the debate which had taken place, he was constrained to change his opinion.

Mr. Syester liked to hear the songs to principle, but would prefer to see gentlemen dancing to their own tunes. Gentlemen who had voted for retaining the Governor